

As a consumer and citizen, I am sorely disappointed in the decision of Sinclair to broadcast "Stolen Honor". I watched my best friend take his own life because he could no longer live with what he had done to innocents during the Vietnam war. Honor is stolen from our young people in war. And there are those with high connections and no honor, like our present president. This distortion of truth is disgraceful. I will personally not watch ABC affiliates nor buy products advertised and encourage others to do the same. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.